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Serial No.:	09/822,623	Group Art Unit:	1771
Filed:	MARCH 30, 2001	Docket No.:	8195.28US01
Title:	ADHESIVE CONSTRUCTIONS; AND, METHODS		

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 38-43 in the application captioned above with appreciation. Applicants agree that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record.

The Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the affect of limiting the claims scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the affect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

The Applicants further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that claims 38-43 are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner include that the cited references do not teach that the secondary adhesive pattern will have adhesive coverage of no more than 70 percent and at least about 30 percent. Additional reasons for allowance are set forth in the specification. In

addition, structure that performs substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same result or are otherwise equivalent are included within the scope of the claims.

Finally, as the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining an allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to file.

Respectfully submitted,



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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant's undersigned representative, Kate DeVries Smith, discussed the patent application captioned above with Examiner Victor Chang on November 10, 2003. The wording of claim 38, paragraph (b)(iii) was discussed. The Examiner expressed the desire to clarify the meaning of this sub-paragraph. The Examiner's Amendment mailed November 20, 2003 contains the agreed upon wording for claim 38 to ensure that its meaning is clear.

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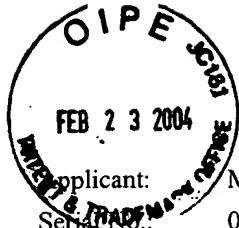
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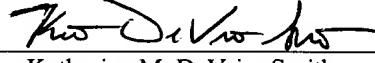
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